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Interview Summary

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NATHAN K. FORD

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 25 March 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Todoroki.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed was a proposed amendment drawn to a conveyance pattern to clarify claim 1, which did not overcome the 102 rejection according to the examiner. A second amendment was proposed drawn to the removal of a broken wafer without relying upon the operator to detect and determine the position of the broken wafer. The examiner agreed that this feature would overcome the 102 rejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Nathan K Ford/
Examiner, Art Unit 1792